

MORE than 50,000 more immigrants have come into the country in the last ten months than during the corresponding period a year ago.

COLORADO appears to show a surplus of commemorative holidays. Among the anniversaries celebrated in the state are Watermelon day, Peach day, Potato day and Grape and Cherry day.

COUNT CAPHRI tips the scales at 216 pounds, so that he is about as heavy as was Prince Bismarck after taking the Schweninger cure. The physical resemblance between the two men is remarkable.

THERE will be 900 delegates to the national democratic convention, 888 from states and 12 from territories. In order to nominate, the votes of 600 delegates will be required, a clear two-thirds vote.

In the last ten years Canada spent \$5,000,000 in bringing over \$96,000 immigrants from Europe. In the same time the increase in the population of the dominion has been only 504,000. Making allowance for the natural growth of the native population, about a million Canadians have come across the border to annex themselves in the past decade.

AMONG the experts employed at the Bath (Me.) Iron works is a talented copper worker who is foreman of a shop. Not long ago he took a small copper cent, hammering it into a miniature tea kettle. The words, "one cent," occupy all the space on the bottom. There are a swinging handle and a movable cover, while the kettle is hollow, and the nozzle, too.

THE ocean steamer, the City of New York, has made herself now the fifth vessel to steam across the Atlantic at a speed greater than an average of twenty knots an hour, the five in question being the White star boats Teutonic and Majestic, the two Inman boats Cities of New York and of Paris, and the German steamers Furst Bismarck, of the line running to Hamburg. All these have twin screws.

THE New England Meteorological society has acknowledged the efficiency of the national weather bureau by ceasing to make records of its own. Its work hereafter will be limited to meetings and investigations. The agricultural colleges and experiment stations of New England are extending their labors this year in distributing weather predictions by flags and other signals, and in ascertaining the best plan for crops from frost.

A SHREW and ingenious German woman, Frau Lena Morganstern, of Berlin, has evolved a plan of publicly rewarding servants for years of faithful service. She has founded a society, known as "The Housewife's Union, of Berlin," which needs once a year to present silver pins, certificates and kindly words to the servants of members. To be entitled to a prize the servant must have worked for five years in the same household.

TRAVELERS in Washington, and British Columbia frequently tell of seeing trees dripping with moisture when neither rain nor dew were present. The strange sight is said to be due to the remarkable condensing power of the leaves of some of the fir trees, which, when the humidity of the atmosphere "closely approaches" the dew point, collect the moisture from the air until the drops fall to the ground, giving the tree the appearance of weeping.

SUNSHINE is recorded at the meteorological office in England by means of the Stokes-Campbell instrument, the essential feature of which is a spherical lens which acts as a burning glass. As the sun accomplishes its apparent journey from east to west it burns its autograph into a strip of card placed between the lens, but can only do so when it is unobscured. As the card is divided into hours, it is easy to calculate the amount of actual sunshine with which each day is favored.

THE Berlin fire department is experimenting with a novel fire engine. The carriage is constructed entirely of papier mache, all the different parts, the body, wheels, poles, etc., being finished in the best possible manner. While the durability and power of resistance possessed by this material are fully as great as those of wood and metal, the weight is much less. This lightness is, of course, the marked advantage, since it will enable the new engine to reach the scene of a fire with unusual dispatch.

PROFS. C. HART MERRIAM and J. Holmes, of the Smithsonian institution of Washington, have gone to Stone county, Mo., their purpose being to explore the marble cave on the Roark mountain, three miles north of White river. Parties who have visited that cave are not surprised at the visit of these gentlemen. The cave abounds not only in curious formations of mammoth dimensions, but in various objects of interest, notably a chamber filled with the remains of wild animals. The marble cave is one of the greatest wonders in the southwest.

If Gen. Miles should desire to try another experiment in the rapid transit of army dispatches it might be well to take a hint from the King of Dahomey. That African potentate has sometimes posted swift-running soldiers along the road from Dahomey to Whydah, a few hundred yards apart, to await the arrival of a European steamer and bring him news or light groceries. On one occasion the goods received at the port were passed from hand to hand over the eighty-mile course to the capital in seven hours, and the roads were nearly as bad as those traveled by Gen. Miles' bicyclers.

CURRENT TOPICS.

STRICTLY fashionable china must now be all white.

THE cremationists have an organ now called the Urn.

THERE are 9,000 places in New York city where liquors are sold.

SEVERE storms have done great damage to the fruit crop in Spain.

A NEWSPAPER called the Missouri Colonel is published at St. Joe.

SEVERAL Turkish brigands captured recently have been decapitated.

PHILADELPHIA may be slow, but she is to have a \$10,000 dog hospital.

THE patentee of the "drive well" has royalties estimated at \$2,000,000.

THE inside works of the church clock at Antioch, Mo., have been stolen.

SURVIVORS of the Black Hawk war hold a reunion at Lena, Ill., June 24.

THE value of the fruit crop this year in California is estimated at \$20,000,000.

THERE is a laundryman in Wichita who charges for his work by the pound.

PARIS provides a new employment for woman in the capacity of "dinner taster."

IN the dreary deserts of Arabia the rosemary and the lavender flourish to perfection.

A SCHUYLKILL county (Pa.) man has cut three sets of teeth and is getting out a fourth.

THE Cumberland Presbyterian church has decided that women may become ruling elders.

IT is now the fashion in New York high society to hire altars for use at home weddings.

THE state of Pennsylvania has ordered 60,000 voting booths from a Saginaw (Mich.) firm.

WITHIN the past few weeks seals and Arctic loons have been caught off the Connecticut coast.

ON an average there are 106 boys born to every 100 girls, but more boys die in infancy than girls.

THE existence of the milkmaid is threatened by a machine that milks thirty cows an hour.

THE American dress reformers are preparing to renew their crusade at Chautauqua this year.

POTATOES in Montana attain a prodigious size, often weighing three, four and five pounds apiece.

IT is proposed to make an historical collection of railway tickets for exhibition at the World's fair.

THE New York Commercial Advertiser is the oldest newspaper in New York, having been established in 1797.

THERE are 20,000 Negroes, now in Oklahoma, it is stated, and 200,000 in the South organized for the same destination.

IN spite of the introduction of machine lace, there are at least 1,000,000 workers in the various European countries.

IN making gold threads for embroidery it has been found that six ounces of gold can be drawn into 200 miles of wire.

GOV. McKINNEY, of Virginia, has appointed Gen. Eppa Hunton, United States senator to succeed the late John S. Barbour.

THE duke of Alba, a leading Spanish grandee and nephew of Empress Eugenie, will represent Spain at the World's fair.

A SOCIETY has been organized in Stockton, Cal., whose members believe in the efficiency of Limburger cheese as a cure for dyspepsia.

PEOPLE who desire to settle in Russia will regret to learn that under a new law settlers will have to learn the Russian language.

COSTA RICA is about to have a law making the sale of Indian antiquities to foreigners a crime punishable with severe penalties.

COLORADO has commissioned R. H. Park, the sculptor, to make a statue of pure silver to surmount the state's exhibit at the Columbian fair.

JAMES CHAMBERS, of Philadelphia, has a calf with three ears and two rows of upper teeth. Its rear hoofs are not cloven, but resembles a mule's foot.

TRAFFIC has been delayed at Umatilla, Ore., by millions of large crickets, which cling to the rails and make it impossible for trains to move over them.

THE new president of Cornell university, J. G. Schurman, is a Nova Scotian by birth, only 38 years of age and a man of broad culture and profound learning.

DURING last year there were only 1,236 marriages in San Francisco, less than eleven to 1,000 of the city's population. The rate in London is more than eighteen per 1,000.

ACCORDING to Madame Patti's maid, the perfume of violets causes a hoarseness in the singer's throat, and no plants or cut flowers are allowed to remain in the prima donna's room over night.

IN April 64,565 steerage passengers landed at New York. How many immigrants arrived at other ports and from Canada is not ascertained. Probably this April arrivals footed up 100,000.

PRINCE GEORGE, of Wales, has been created duke of York, earl of Inverness and Baron Killarney, thus representing the three divisions of the United Kingdom as in the case of the late duke of Clarence.

ACCORDING to Rev. Dr. Paine, in 1891, seven black men were burned alive in the south, one was flayed to death, one was mutilated, disjointed and tortured for two hours before he died, and 121 Negroes were lynched during the past year.

AN orator in western Kansas recently electrified his audience by the following statement: "There are in this great country 10,000,000 cows, ladies and gentlemen."

MILLE ELISE ST. OMER, the French explorer, who has traveled through Europe, Asia and America, prides herself upon journeying without any luggage and carrying all she needs in her capacious pockets.

A DISCOVERY of great importance to South Africa is a stone capable of being burned into a natural cement of good quality. The deposit covers 1,000 acres and varies in thickness from ten feet to twenty feet.

The News Condensed.

Important Intelligence From All Parts.

CONGRESSIONAL.

On the 1st it was agreed in the senate that no vote should be taken on the free coinage bill until after the 14th of June. The new senator from Virginia, Gen. Eppa Hunton, took the oath of office. In the house a bill was reported limiting the amount of wearing apparel and personal effects that may be admitted free of duty. The post office appropriation bill was further considered.

BILLS were passed in the senate on the 2d to hold terms of court in the district of Montana, providing for two additional associate justices of the supreme court for the territory of Oklahoma, and creating two additional land districts in Montana. Adjourned to the 6th. Mr. Hatch reported the agricultural appropriation bill to the house. In committee of the whole the post office appropriation bill was further considered.

THE senate was not in session on the 3d. The house further considered the post office appropriation bill and an amendment was adopted prohibiting the postmaster general from making contracts hereafter under the provisions of the act to provide for ocean mail service between the United States and foreign ports.

THE senate did not convene on the 4th. In the house the post office appropriation bill was passed. Among the items included was one appropriating \$2,000 for a branch office on the grounds of the Columbian exposition.

A BILL was reported in the senate on the 6th to facilitate the enforcement of the present immigration and contract labor laws. The consular and diplomatic appropriation bill was also reported. In the house bills were passed to admit New Mexico and Arizona to statehood; appropriating \$50,000 for a pedestal for a monument to Gen. W. T. Sherman, the legislative appropriation bill; Mr. Hatch's anti-option bill. A concurrent resolution, the final adjournment of congress on Monday, July 4, at 2 o'clock, was referred.

DOMESTIC.

THE public debt statement issued on the 1st showed the total debt to be \$969,359,253; cash in the treasury, \$126,005,885; debt less cash in the treasury, \$843,353,368. Increase during May, \$4,623,374.

FLOODS have caused great loss to the farming interests throughout central Indiana, parts of Illinois, Iowa, Missouri and the southwest.

FIRE at Trinity, Tex., swept away all the business houses on the north side of Main street.

A MASS-MEETING was held at Louisville to celebrate the 100th anniversary of the admission of Kentucky into the union.

THE Chicago board of trade appointed a soliciting committee to aid the flood sufferers. Fully 6,000 persons in Illinois have lost everything and are in destitute circumstances.

MOSES TAYLOR, a farmer living at Neadmore, Ill., in a fit of jealousy shot and killed his wife and F. Foster and then took his own life.

THE Michigan Mutual Benefit Life Insurance association of Hillsdale has collapsed. Members will be transferred to the Odd Fellows' Mutual of Galesburg, Ill.

THE river at New Orleans was higher than ever known in its history, and the water was finding its way over the ferry landings into the city streets.

BOB JACKSON, a negro at Port Jervis, N. Y., was lynched by a mob because of a brutal assault on Miss Lena McMahon.

C. G. WILSON, superintendent of the Iowa division of the Chicago, Burlington & Quincy, was drowned at Albia, Ia.

THE total money circulation of the country is placed at \$1,620,010,229—a per capita circulation of \$24.77, or \$115,278,509 more than June 1, 1891.

CHARLES LITTLE and Ben Yelly quarreled at Annona, Tex., and Yelly shot and killed Little. The latter's son then shot and killed his father's slayer.

WORK has begun on the Wolfly canal in Arizona. It will be 76 miles in length, and the largest irrigating canal in America, opening to cultivation 300,000 acres of desert lands.

MRS. SARAH WARDE and Mrs. Albert Gest committed suicide at Lima, O. Domestic troubles were the cause.

FOUR persons were sunstruck in New York city and one died.

AT the leading clearing houses in the United States the exchanges during the week ended on the 3d aggregated \$1,019,463,573, against \$1,146,805,698 the previous week. The increase as compared with the corresponding week of 1891 was 6.1.

FOUR men were drowned by the sinking of the steamboat John Matthew in the Arkansas river at Van Buren, Ark.

IN the United States the business failures during the seven days ended on the 3d numbered 207, against 195 the preceding week and 224 for the corresponding week last year.

A CYCLONE passed over Moorefield, Harmony and Springfield townships, in Ohio, and the damage to crops, forests, farm buildings and orchards would run up into the tens of thousands.

A TRAIN on the Allegheny Valley railroad was wrecked near Oil City, Pa., and Engineer Alex Reed was killed and twenty passengers injured.

FRANK G. LENZ, a wheelman, started at New York on a trip around the world on a bicycle. He expects to reach New York again by June 4, 1893. The distance he will cover is 22,000 miles.

WORK on the East river tunnel began at Long Island City, and it is hoped to complete the work in two years.

EXPORTS of wheat (and flour as wheat) from the United States during the past seven days aggregated 2,891,000 bushels, or about 600,000 bushels more than the previous week.

REFORMED Presbyterians have been pledged by their synod not to visit the world's fair if the gates are opened on Sunday or if liquor is sold on the grounds.

IT was reported that a tornado swept over Reading, Pa., killing several persons and destroying a vast amount of property.

THE winery at Santa Rosa, Cal., on the celebrated ranch of Thomas Lake Harris, widely known as the Mystic, was destroyed by fire, causing a loss of \$200,000.

TWO BROTHERS named Scott were reunited at Guthrie, O. T., after a separation of fifty-nine years.

THE firm of Farmer, Little & Co., the celebrated New York type foundry, has been dissolved. The new firm will be known as A. D. Farmer & Son.

NETTIE MILLER, of Lapageville, Ga., shot and killed his wife. He was cleaning his gun and she angered him.

Is the National league the percentages of the baseball clubs for the week ended on the 4th were: Boston, .725; Brooklyn, .632; Cincinnati, .610; Chicago, .590; Philadelphia, .525; Pittsburgh, .524; Cleveland, .500; New York, .487; Louisville, .446; Washington, .421; St. Louis, .341; Baltimore, .231. The percentages in clubs of the Western league were: Columbus, .735; Milwaukee, .654; Kansas City, .586; Toledo, .519; Minneapolis, .417; Omaha, .414; Fort Wayne, .354; Indianapolis, .190.

A DYNAMITE bomb was exploded in the house of J. R. Turner, a jeweler at Kensington, Pa., killing Turner and a young lady named Scheffer. Turner's wife and two children were badly injured. The author of the crime was unknown.

NEARLY every building in "Jintown," the main part of Creede camp, in Colorado, was destroyed by fire. The loss will be about \$1,000,000.

THE Platte valley bank at Central City, one of the oldest and wealthiest institutions in Nebraska, closed its doors. It was said Cashier Starrett had lost \$50,000 bulling corn at Chicago.

A PASSENGER train collided with an excursion train filled with negroes near Carrollton, Ky., and four persons were killed and twenty-five were injured, several dangerously.

A FARMER named Loewe, aged 45 years, and his two sons, aged 11 and 13 years, were drowned by being carried over a dam in a boat near Milwaukee.

BURGARS entered the house of S. D. Spratt at Indianapolis, chloroformed the occupants and made off with \$3,500 in cash.

ROBERT T. DAY was hanged at Kalama, Wash., for the murder of T. C. Beebe last October.

JAMES DOOLEY, the murderer of Mrs. Coons and her 8-year-old daughter at Prescott, Ia., May 11 last, has been sentenced to be hanged June 5 of next year.

THREE men were instantly killed and two others hurt by lightning at Gainesville, Ga.

COL. PARKS, the negro who murdered Mrs. McDonough and daughter near Brenham, Tex., has been found guilty and sentenced to death.

A CYCLONE at McCook, Neb., destroyed the Congregational church and other buildings and injured many persons.

THE training stable at Woodburn farm, near Lexington, Ky., was burned, and nine valuable horses were cremated.

A CLOUDBURST flooded Oil City, Pa., and the surrounding country and leaking oil tanks covered the inundation with oil and benzine, which took fire, and soon everything was a sea of flames. The loss of life in Oil City and Titusville was estimated at 150, and the property loss was placed as follows: Titusville, \$1,500,000; Oil City, \$1,500,000; Corry, \$60,000; Meadville, \$150,000, and surrounding country probably a million more.

SNOW to the depth of 8 inches on the level fell near Cheyenne, Wyo., causing severe loss to cattle and sheep herds.

RUDOLPH HACKER, a cigar manufacturer, and Mrs. Louise Plum, wife of Jacob Plum, a baker, were found suffocated in a room in Chicago. They had turned on the gas and took their own lives.

CHARLES CARR and his wife were crushed to death by an electric car at Omaha, Neb.

FURTHER advices state that by the catastrophe in the oil regions of Pennsylvania over 200 persons were burned to death or drowned and two or three millions of property were consumed in Oil City and Titusville, besides great damage to property in other localities near by owing to inundation. The total property loss will reach probably about \$5,000,000. Thousands have lost their homes and large manufacturing interests have been wiped out. Sixty-seven bodies have thus far been recovered at Oil City and fifty-six at Titusville. Eighteen miles of death and desolation is the story in brief.

THE levee protecting the Hunt drainage district below Warsaw, Ill., broke, flooding thousands of acres of rich farming lands and causing great destruction to property.

A CLOUDBURST between Harold and Blunt, S. D., flooded a large section of the country, doing great damage, and Mrs. K. M. Foote and three children were drowned.

THE bodies of five dead babies were found under a sidewalk at Twenty-second street and Armour avenue, Chicago.

JOHN C. BROWN, of Saginaw, Mich., one of the most extensive logging contractors in the northwest, failed for \$115,000 and nominal assets of \$90,000.

THE United States will exhibit in the government building at the world's fair specimens of the various implements used by the army since 1776.

CHARLES LEE, the Dubuque (Ia.) boy convicted of murder for complicity in the killing of a street car driver, was sentenced to twenty years in the penitentiary.

AFTER a shut-down of nearly three months the Spreckles sugar refineries at Philadelphia resumed operations, nearly 1,000 men going to work.

EDWARD McMillan, who killed his wife February 20, 1891, was hanged at Wilkesbarre, Pa.

A COMPANY with a capital of \$10,000,000 was organized in New York to build a fleet of whaleback vessels to compete for ocean carrying freight.

A RELIC of the recent war between cattlemen and rustlers was found in the shape of four human bodies swinging to the limb of a tree near Buffalo, Wyo. The bodies had evidently been hanging for weeks.

AUSTIN PORTER was hanged by a mob near Grayson, Ky., for killing his wife. CHAUNCEY DEWEY made a speech at the dedication of the republican national convention hall in Minneapolis.

IN the United States the visible supply of grain on the 6th was: Wheat, 27,910,000 bushels; corn, 4,478,000 bushels; oats, 3,369,000 bushels; rye, 450,000 bushels; barley, 411,000 bushels.

JOSHUA LAWTON sailed from Boston in his 12-foot canvas boat for a trip across the ocean.

AN alligator 9 or 10 feet long was seen floundering around on the bank of the Wabash river near Andrews, Ind.

By carelessness in turning water into an empty boiler at a tile works south of Idaville, Ind., four men were blown to pieces.

GOV. PATTERSON, of Pennsylvania, has issued a proclamation to the state at large for relief to the Oil City and Titusville sufferers.

PERSONAL AND POLITICAL.

CONGRESSIONAL nominations were made as follows: Indiana, Ninth district, Daniel Vaughn (rep.), renominated. Illinois, Ninth district, H. W. Snow (dem.), Texas, Ninth district, G. W. Pendleton.

MISS MIDDLE MORGAN, the foremost writer on horses and cattle in the United States, died in St. Francis hospital, at Jersey City, N. J., aged 64 years.

THE Minnesota prohibitionists in convention at Minneapolis nominated a full ticket with W. J. Dean, of Minneapolis, for governor. The platform declares that the liquor traffic is the overshadowing question and demands the repeal of the license law.

WALCOTT HAMLIN, of Amherst, was nominated for governor by the Massachusetts prohibitionists in convention at Worcester. The platform holds the liquor traffic to be the prime issue before the American people.

THE Tennessee prohibitionists in convention at Nashville nominated Edward H. East, of that city, for governor.

THE Minnesota republicans will hold their state convention at St. Paul on July 28 to nominate state officers.

IN the Fifth Ohio district the democrats have nominated Dennis D. Donovan for congress.

THE democrats in convention at Tampa, Fla., nominated Judge Henry Mitchell for governor. In a speech the nominee declared that he was not a third party man and favored the free coinage of silver.

COL. W. B. REMEX, judge advocate general of the navy, was placed on the retired list.

SAMUEL M. WILSON, the most distinguished member of the legal profession in San Francisco, died at his home in that city.

SECRETARY BLAINE has resigned the secretaryship of state and the resignation has been accepted by President Harrison.

DANIEL D. MOORE, once the editor and proprietor of the Rural New Yorker, died in New York.

FOREIGN.

MICHAEL DAVITT was nominated to contest the election for North Meath, Ireland. At the railroad station, after the nomination, his supporters were attacked by Parnellites and Davitt himself received a severe wound on the head.

FIRE destroyed \$150,000 worth of property on the Dundee docks in Scotland.

AT Slobodka, a Russian city bordering on Germany, 300 houses were destroyed by fire, leaving hundreds of persons destitute.

THROUGH the confession of an anarchist the Parisian police were enabled to seize a large quantity of dynamite.

THE museum at Stralsund, Prussia, famous for its collection of antiquities, was destroyed by fire.

SIX HUNDRED bales of cotton, recently arrived from America, were ruined by fire on a wharf at St. Petersburg.

LATER advices say that over 400 perished in the Birkenberg mine disaster at Pribram, Bohemia.

THUS far there have been over 5,000 deaths from cholera at Serinager, India.

A FIRE in the town of Kovno, Russia, destroyed 300 houses, depriving 2,000 persons of their homes.

LATER.

RIVERMEN are expecting a big flood in the Monongahela river. Heavy rain storms up the river are the cause. Thousands of dollars damage is reported at various points. Bridges are washed out and railroads on both sides blocked by numerous land slides.

PRESIDENT HARRISON has sent to Gov. Pattison a contribution of \$300 for the relief of the sufferers at Oil City and Titusville.

THE bodies of five dead infants were found at Chicago on the 7th, secreted under the stones of a sidewalk. The police think they were left there by the agent or agents of some lying-in hospital.

THE mammoth sewer pipe works of Robinson Bros., at Akron, O., was burned on the 7th. The loss will exceed \$100,000.

THE republican national convention was called to order at Minneapolis on the 7th by Gen. Clarkson, chairman of the national committee, and J. Sloat Fassett, of New York, was made temporary chairman. After the appointment of committees the convention adjourned until the next day.

MACKLEN & SLATER's malt house and elevator at Niagara Falls, N. Y., was destroyed by fire on the 7th and firemen Louis Frommert and Herman Hertel were fatally injured by falling walls and six other men were badly hurt. Loss \$100,000.

A CLOUDBURST and lightning played havoc at Monongahela City, Pa., on the 7th. The Pennsylvania railroad bridge was washed away. Horses and other live stock were drowned and it is feared some lives were lost. Dwellings on the lowlands were flooded, the occupants being compelled to